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<p align="center">Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief</p>	Application No. 10/021,583	Applicant(s) BELL ET AL.	
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THE REPLY FILED 03 January 2006 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
 (a) ☒ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
 (c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

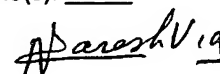
4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
 5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
 6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
 7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☒ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
 The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
 Claim(s) allowed: _____.
 Claim(s) objected to: _____.
 Claim(s) rejected: 1-10 and 31-37.
 Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
 9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
 10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☐ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.
 12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
 13. ☐ Other: _____.



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Continuation of 3a:

Amended claim 37 has added limitation of generating an operating status reports with is sent to a remote device.

In response to applicant's argument that "As described in Fig. 2 and corresponding disclosure in the Specification, the gateway server monitors the local network to determine if a new device is found. If a new device is found, the gateway server attempts to identify and authenticate the device. Upon identification and authentication, the gateway server creates and registers a proxy for the device in a directory stored in the gateway server". Applicant is arguing a limitation not claimed by the applicant. Applicant has not claimed that the gateway server monitors the local network to determine if a new device is found which is required to create and register proxies for the new device.

In response to applicant's argument that Applicant is not attempting to assign any special meaning to the term "proxy," and, as noted by the consistent definition provided by several references cited in the Office Action, has a well recognized meaning and therefore is not indefinite. In the office action examiner has provided plurality of information for proxy. Applicant has not clearly claimed how the assigned proxy is used by the applicant within the scope of the disclosure originally filed on 29 October 2001.

In response to applicant's argument that the in cited reference LeCarpentier franking machines do not communicate with each other by any means, nevertheless by a wireless communication. However, LeCarpentier in view of Lee and Sinclair teach plurality of devices with each other by wireless communication.

In response to applicant's argument that in cited reference Lee there is no disclosure, teaching or suggestion of a gateway server that forms a local network with the plurality of devices and acts as a master of said local network. However, LeCarpentier in view of Lee and Sinclair teaches the claimed limitation.

In response to applicant's argument that the Office Action contends that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify LeCarpentier as taught by Lee to provide mobility to users. However, LeCarpentier teaches plurality of devices in a loop [LeCarpentier, Fig. 1 and disclosure associated with Fig. 1]. Lee teaches one or more postal processing machine interconnected by a local area radio frequency (RF) wireless communication network. Sinclair teaches that plurality of devices can be connected using a wireless technology for forming a loop.

In response to applicant's argument that in cited reference Lee, there is also no disclosure, teaching or suggestion of "a remote device coupled to said communication network, said remote device communicating with said gateway server via said communication network, said gateway server creating a proxy for each of said plurality of devices in said local network, wherein a service of at least one of said plurality of devices can be invoked by said remote device utilizing said created proxy for said at least one of said plurality of devices" as is recited in claim 1. These features are simply not present anywhere in Lee. This argument has been responded in earlier responses above.

In response to applicant's argument that cited reference Sinclair is directed simply to wireless network connections generally, and more specifically the ability for multiple PC's to share a single Internet connection, and does not disclose, teach or suggest any of the features described above. This argument as been responded to in earlier responses above.

In response to applicant's argument that in cited references there is no disclosure, teaching or suggestion, either alone or in any combination, teaches the claimed limitation. This argument as been responded to in earlier responses above.

In response to applicant's argument that there is no disclosure, teaching or suggestion in LeCarpentier, Lee or Sinclair, either alone or in any combination, of registering a mailing device with a gateway server. However, cited reference teaches static and dynamic addressing. IP addresses have associated NIC address to function. This association of IP address to the NIC address is the registration of the remote device with the server to function. For example, RIP commercially in use for internet connectivity, teaches table with registered hosts with their associated IP address and corresponding NIC address to be enable hosts to exchange data, SNA gateway commercially in use at the time of invention used gateway and remote devices where devices on LAN communicated with the remote site via the gateway, as taught by cited reference Sinclair, LAN devices communicate with the remote site via a commercially available DI-713 wireless router.

In response to applicant's argument that the Office Action appears to be contending that Sinclair's reference to DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) is equivalent to the registering a mailing device with a gateway server and creating a proxy for said registered mailing device, and, DHCP simply assigns an IP address to uniquely identify a computer that is making use of the Internet. Examiner does not understand this argument because earlier applicant agreed that proxy can be configured by any mechanism, including DHCP, and earlier in the arguments, applicant contended that "The term proxy, as noted by the consistent definition provided by several references cited in the Office Action, has a well recognized meaning and therefore is not indefinite".